

# The Comp times



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## Comptroller's Office hosts Charles Drew Blood Drive in February in honor of Black History Month

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For the first time since 2008, the Comptroller's office hosted the **Charles Drew Blood Drive** in February. This is to coincide with Black History Month. **Charles Drew** was an African American physician and researcher who specialized in blood transfusions. During his career, he protested against racial segregation in the donation of blood.

The event is coordinated with the St. Louis Chapter of the American Red Cross. Each time a unit of blood is collected, someone's life can be saved. One pint of blood could potentially save three lives, according to the American Red Cross. Since 2008, nearly 200 usable pints of blood have been collected through the Comptroller sponsored blood drive. This means that 500+ people could have received blood as a result of the drives held at City Hall!

In addition to those who showed up to give blood, we'd like to thank those employees who volunteered to help out with this year's drive. This includes Tiffany Lewis and Chana Morton.

The next blood drive will be held in August. Time and date TBD.



**American Red Cross**

St. Louis Area Chapter



Volunteer Monica Campbell helping taxpayers sign in to get their taxes prepared by NABA volunteers

## TURNOUT WAS GREAT FOR THE FREE TAX PREPARATION EVENT!

Two separate events providing FREE INCOME TAX preparation and filing were a huge success!



It's an ongoing collaboration between the Comptroller's Office, volunteers with NABA (National Association of Black Accountants) and PNC Bank.

The first event took place on February 19<sup>th</sup>, the second was held on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Both were held at the William J. Harrison Center on Cass Avenue. Nearly 90 families benefited by getting their taxes done for FREE.



City employees and other concerned citizens donated their time, and so much more for our 7th Charles Drew Red Cross blood drive. It was held in Room 208 in City Hall.



Comptroller Chief of Staff Elaine Spearman and Mayor Slay representing St. Louis

## St. Louis Honored with Conference of Mayors Leadership Award: Leading the Climb to a Bright Financial Future

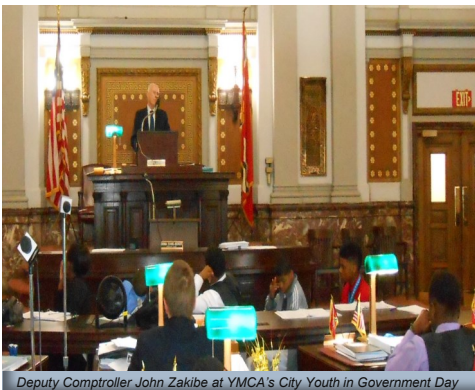
Recently, the U.S. Conference of Mayors created a leadership award to recognize cities that are making important changes to their retirement programs to achieve more secure retirement outcomes for the nation's municipal employees. We are pleased to announce the City of St. Louis was honored "Best in Class" for offering and participating in the 457(b) Retirement Program.

## St. Louis Public Radio podcast



Comptroller Green on a recent podcast taping at KWMU. Also pictured is co-host of the program, Jo Mannies.

### POLITICALLY SPEAKING



The YMCA held their annual **Youth in Government Day** at City Hall on February 10, 2014. It was held in the Board of Alderman chambers.

Deputy Comptroller John Zakibe spoke to local middle and high school students about what it takes to work in local government. Way to go!

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In a nearly half hour interview, the Comptroller discussed everything from city and state politics, the role of the Comptroller, to the City's financial health and its credit rating.

*Politically Speaking* is a podcast co-hosted by **Jo Mannies, Jason Rosenbaum** and **Chris McDaniel**. The Comptroller also promoted the Charles Drew Blood Drive and NABA's Free Income Tax Preparation, which is co-sponsored by this office.



Comptroller Green (pictured) with other local leaders at a photo shoot for the cover of the 2014 Black Pages. The photo shoot took place in the lobby of the Moonrise Hotel on Delmar.

### Black Pages cover photo shoot

Comptroller Green was asked to participate in group photo shoot of political, medical, religious, education, Greek, business, media, and non-profit leaders from across the metro area for the cover of the 2014 edition of the **St. Louis Black Pages**.

In addition to the cover, participants were asked to include a brief summary on the cover theme, "We CAN Heal Our Community, So Be a Hero."



Sharon Holloman spent the early morning hours on Valentine's Day showing some love for Heat Up St. Louis. She volunteered with Hardee's for their *Rise and Shine* effort, which raises money for the charity.

"It was a good experience and I'd do it again," she says. It was Holloman's first time as a volunteer for the cause. She helped serve food at the Hardee's location on Chestnut in downtown.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### June

- 20 Michelle Lobster
- 20 Charles Franz
- 15 Karl Hlavaty
- 9 Lolita Versey
- 8 Chana Morton
- 1 Olena Opachevsky

### May

- 27 Ron Hicks
- 25 Geneta Jacobs
- 22 Kendrea Davis
- 5 Randall Anderson

### April

- 22 Ivy Neyland-Pinkston
- 18 Sherese Simmons
- 13 Regina Reynolds
- 5 Sean Blandin

- 4 John Woodhouse
- 2 Judith Holstein
- 2 Olaide Hassan
- 2 Gail Boyce
- 1 Marice Blair

### March

- 30 Doris Hamilton
- 30 Lisa Harmon
- 23 Antionette Thomas
- 22 Catherine Smith
- 15 Scott King

### February

- 19 Dorothy Middleton
- 15 Barnadette Davis
- 15 Tammy Garrett
- 14 Amy Williams
- 14 Sandra Mantia
- 13 Keith Taylor
- 12 Keith Vernell
- 5 Shalonda Covington
- 1 Mohammad Adil

### January

- 20 Christopher Reed
- 13 Monique Williams
- 2 Cynthia Larson
- 1 Candice Gordon